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DRIVEN CELL PLACEMENT )  
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This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed herewith the above-identified application, within three months of the filing date of the application, and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and therefore, the IDS is properly submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), and therefore it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this IDS. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No.12-2252.

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be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicants' representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98 and includes Form PTO-1449.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the listed references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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